(b) if so, the measures taken to investigate the nexus between stock market operator, corporates and film industry involving price rigging to bring confidence in the market ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Customs Duty on Crude Oil and Petroleum Products

3907. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has asked for rationalization of duties on crude oil and petroleum products to contain the impact of rising international crude oil prices on the oil pool account ;

(b) whether request has been made for reduction in customs duty on crude oil to five per cent and petroleum products to 15 per cent; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Ministry of Finance to minimise the impact of rising crude oil prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b)Yes, Sir.

(c) No. decision has been taken as yet.

Chairman of IDBI

3908. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new Chairman of IDBI has not been appointed for quite some time.

(b) if so, since when the post is lying vacant; and

(c) by when the new chairman is likely to be appointed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALSAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) and (b) the post of CMD, IDBI is lying vacant since 1st February, 2001.

(c) The new Chairman is likely to be appointed soon.